GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6321
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CBI RAIDS ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had recently raided the official and residential premises of several senior Government officials and registered cases against them;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a case had been registered in March, 2003 against an Additional Commissioner of Income Tax in Mumbai for possessing disproportionate assets;

(d) if so, the facts of the case and the action being taken in the matter;

(e) the number of such cases detected and registered in the country during each of the last three years;

(f) the action taken against the Officers found guilty of possessing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income;

(g) whether the antecedents of such officers are got verified and cleared from the CVC before their promotion to higher ranks and sensitive postings; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The CBI has reported that it had recently conducted a special drive in which 32 cases against Government officials and private persons have been registered. The cases against Government officials were registered on allegations of possessing disproportionate assets and misusing their official position.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. A case has been registered against Additional Commissioner Income Tax, Mumbai under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and IPC for possessing assets disproportionate to known sources of income.

(e): The CBI has registered 79, 88, 116 cases related to disproportionate assets during the year 2000,2001 & 2002 respectively.

(f): The Investigating Agency recommends Regular Departmental Action or Prosecution against the erring Government officials on the basis of the Investigation Report and the legal opinion. Once sanction for prosecution against the erring Government officials is given by the concerned Department, the matter is to be decided by the Court of Law. The decision to impose penalty or otherwise on the official after culmination of disciplinary proceedings vests with the concerned Ministry/Department.

(g) & (h): As per the instructions of the Government the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) is required to place its recommendation in the sealed cover in case of officials who are due for promotion but are not clear from vigilance angle. The sealed cover are only opened when the concerned officer becomes clear from vigilance angle.